

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A vehicle navigation system with a multi-use display, comprising:
 - map image data supply means for storing map image data;
 - non-navigation data supply means for storing a non-navigation data image;
 - switchover means for selecting one of modes for navigation mode for displaying navigation image provided by the map image data means and non-navigation mode for displaying non-navigation image provided by the non-navigation data mean; and
 - processor means for displaying said selected mode on the multi-use display.
2. The vehicle navigation system according to claim 1, wherein:
 - said switchover means is configured with a touch screen manual switchover formed on the multi-use display.
3. The vehicle navigation system according to claim 2, wherein:
 - said switchover means is configured with software for changing automatically the modes from navigation mode to non-navigation mode when the system determines there is not a need for the navigation image for a driver, and changing automatically the modes from non-navigation mode to navigation mode when the system determines there is a need for the navigation image for a driver.
4. The vehicle navigation system according to claim 1, wherein:
 - said switchover means is configured with a toggle type switchover which allows the user to switch back and forth between the navigation mode and the non-navigation mode.
5. The vehicle navigation system according to claim 1, wherein:
 - said processor means is configured to display the non-navigation image as a set of images of photos or pictures.
6. The vehicle navigation system according to claim 1, wherein:

said processor means is configured to display the navigation image with the non-navigation image on the multi-use display, said non-navigation image being displayed as reduced in size image and in a non-interfering location relative to the map image of the navigation image.